

Show-Down on Wood's Boom Due Dec. 10

Backers of Major General for President to Rally Forces When Republican National Committee Meets

Four Others Discussed

Coolidge, Johnson, Harding and Lowden are Mentioned by Politicians

The friends of Major General Leonard Wood who believe he is the most available man for the Republican nomination for President in 1920 are preparing for a show-down at the meeting of the Republican National Committee in Washington on December 10.

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An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the explosion.

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For strong men—mild cigars!

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Governor and Admirall Clash Over Battle

Smith Says Appointment Was Requested in Letter From Head of Grand Jury, Who Denies It

Foreman Cautious of Mail

Wants Letters to Jury Addressed to His Office; Battle Promises to Do Duty

The question of whether the extraordinary grand jury asked Governor Smith to assign George Gordon Battle as its special counsel will not be settled definitely until to-day.

Governor Smith, at whose request District Attorney Swann designated Mr. Battle special Assistant District Attorney to the grand jury in its investigation of corruption in public office, and Raymond F. Almirall, foreman of the jury, several members of which are not pleased with Mr. Battle's appointment, differed on the question of how Mr. Battle came to be assigned as grand jury pilot. The official files were unavailable yesterday.

Governor Smith said yesterday he was positive Mr. Almirall asked for the Battle appointment in a letter dated October 15. He added that the only reason he had appointed Mr. Battle, whom certain jurors are reported to oppose because of his personal friendship for District Attorney Swann and his Tammany affiliations, was that he was investigating District Attorney Swann's office and city departments under Mayor Hylan.

Requested for Transit Probe

Foreman Almirall, who was reached by telephone out of the city, said that to the best of his recollection neither in any letter to the Governor nor orally had he asked for the appointment of Mr. Battle.

Mr. Almirall said he would refer to his files this morning and clear up the point. He thought the only time Mr. Battle's name was mentioned in connection with the grand jury controversy was in the jury's presentment to Justice Weeks, in the Supreme Court, on October 10. He said he believed the Governor had confused the text of the presentment with the grand jury's requests.

The only place Mr. Battle's name appears in the published grand jury correspondence was in this document read to Justice Weeks when the grand jury was investigating only the Interborough strike conspiracy charges and related matters. At that time the grand jury asked for the appointment of Mr. Battle as a special assistant, or, "the declining, such other like officer, not connected with the staff of the District Attorney."

Smith Cites Letter

The Governor based his assertion that the grand jury asked for Mr. Battle's appointment on the letter the jury sent him on October 15.

The full text of this letter was never made public, but it quoted from the presentment and asked that the Governor meet a committee of the jurors relative to the controversy.

The formal request, Mr. Battle's counsel, made to the Governor on October 23, did not mention Mr. Battle's name.

Opposition to Mr. Battle's appointment, one juror said yesterday:

"The Governor should have been very careful in appointing a man to assist Mr. Battle. He is unquestionably an honest, honorable and fearless man, but there is danger that his appointment may be misconstrued by some, especially since the grand jury presentment, Firemen say him standing at a third story window and eaved to him to leap, but he paid no attention to them. He toppled backward into the flames.

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Boxer Loses to Policeman
Decides to Change Occupation
After His Experience

Willie Beecher, a lightweight pugilist, took the count early yesterday at the hands of Clarence Smithwick, a patrolman attached to the West Forty-seventh Street station. Beecher had just breakfasted in a restaurant at 71 Seventh Avenue, and after a dispute over the amount of the check had begun to smash dishes.

Smithwick, who is more than six feet tall, answered a call from the proprietor, and Beecher's outbreak was soon subdued. He was arraigned in the West Side Court and when asked his occupation said he had been a boxer, but thought of changing his calling after his experience with Smithwick. The magistrate fined him \$10.

\$50,000 Fire in Box Plant
Three Buildings Burn in Hoboken; Truck Injures Boy

Three buildings at the Owens & Traeger wooden box plant, in Jefferson Street, Hoboken, were burned yesterday. The damage was estimated at more than \$50,000.

Milton Anderson, twelve years old, who trailed three fire engines with whoops of thanksgiving, was knocked down by a projecting ladder as Hook and Ladder Truck No. 2 swept around a corner.

Three stitches were taken in Milton's scalp and he didn't see the fire. He lives at 1103 Washington Street, Hoboken.

Girl Held as Leader Of Safe-Blowing Band

She and Two Men Accused of \$3,000 Liberty Bond Theft in Brooklyn

A young woman charged with being leader of a band of gentlemen safe blowers much younger than herself was arraigned in the Bridge Plaza Police Court in Williamsburg yesterday and held without bail for hearing to-day.

She said she was Ann Stern, twenty-six, of 170 Christie Street. Detectives say she is the leading spirit of a band of young men who wrecked the safe of Isador Sicker, 92 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, November 25, and stole Liberty bonds worth \$3,000. Two alleged confederates, Abraham Victor, twenty-three, and Richard Victor, twenty-two, both of 242 Broome Street, also were bound over for hearing to-day.

Miss Stern displayed all the qualities of leadership ascribed to her by the detectives and maintained a haughty silence when questioned. She made no comment when it was observed that Liberty bonds were taken, whereas Sicker sells butter and eggs, quantities of which were within easy reach of the burglars and Thanksgiving only three days off.

Corporation Taxes Gave \$33,500,000 To State Last Year

Comptroller Travis in Annual Report Asks Change in Laws Regulating All Franchise Liabilities to New York

ALBANY, Nov. 27.—State corporation taxes yielded \$33,500,000 more during the last fiscal year than the year before. The total, according to a statement made public by Comptroller Travis to-day, was approximately \$33,500,000, a record sum. More than 40,000 business organizations paid taxes on the total, against 32,000 during 1918, and collections were made at a cost of six-tenths of 1 per cent.

The tax represents the state's largest single source of revenue, and, in fact, of collection, Mr. Travis said, was the smallest. Of the total realized the state will retain about \$27,000,000, the rest being paid to various counties. The figures are taken from the report which the Comptroller will render to the state Legislature.

The so-called franchise tax returned \$13,512,235—a gain of \$1,091,511. Of this amount \$3,023,431 came from insurance premiums, against \$2,005,256 in 1918. Trust companies contributed \$2,914,474, or \$132,801 more than last year. Earnings from lighting, power, water, etc., netted \$1,184,017, against \$1,095,087. Transportation receipts showed a falling off of \$2,442,471, against \$2,699,429, and savings banks, \$1,237,560, against \$1,455,433.

Last May the "franchise tax on manufacturing" was changed to "franchise tax on business corporations." From this class, the state actually received \$20,049,059, against \$14,501,119 collected during the previous fiscal year. In his forthcoming report to the Legislature the Comptroller will recommend the need for amending the law in order that all franchise tax liabilities be determined prior to the granting of a license, or the dissolution or withdrawal of such class of corporations.

Mrs. Gibson to Have Custody of Children
Justice Giegerich Decides to Continue Her as Guardian of Son and Daughter

By decision of Justice Giegerich, Mrs. Beatrice M. Pratt, Gibson, will continue as the guardian of her children by her first marriage. The father of the children is Lieutenant Alexander Dallas Pratt, from whom the custody of the children was taken by a New York State divorce in Newport last June, the decree giving her custody of the children. In October Mrs. Pratt married Preston Gibson, playwright and author, the marriage being annulled by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Everts Benjamin.

Lieutenant Pratt brought an action to be appointed guardian of his children, saying he believed his former wife intended to take them to Europe. She denied this.

She charged Lieutenant Pratt was not financially able to care for their children, had no love for them, and should not have them because of his mode of living.

Mrs. Gibson set aside a \$200,000 trust fund, the income to be used for the care and education of her children, and made her mother and father trustees of this fund. Mrs. Benjamin, man recently asked to be removed from this trusteeship, saying that they and Mrs. Gibson were estranged, and that the estrangement would be permanent.

It was learned that the attorneys for Mrs. Gibson and Lieutenant Pratt entered into a stipulation that Mrs. Gibson should be permitted to take her children to California and maintain them there until June 1, 1920.

Ex-Soldier Gets Fugitive Who Wounded Policeman
Newark Patrolman, Recently Returned From Overseas, Shoots Man in Chase

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 27.—With two bullets in his body from the revolver of a policeman he had felled with a knife, August Kowalski, discovered with a comrade in a Newark Brothers' wholesale liquor store, 270 Ferry Street, early today, was shot down by Patrolman Patrick Rush, a former machine gunner.

Patrolman Ferdinand Hax saw Kowalski and his companion through the window of the store and blew his whistle to attract Rush, who was ringing in a police telephone on a block away. Hax ran into a hallway adjoining the establishment to intercept the burglars. As they dashed out Kowalski swung the bottle and Hax dropped. He fired twice from his position on the floor, and both bullets found their mark. Kowalski halted a moment, yelled and continued his flight. Rush took up the pursuit and fired at the fugitive as he was climbing over a fence at 10 Chambers Street. The other man escaped. Kowalski was taken to the City Hospital, where it is believed he will die. He was wounded in the left side, right arm, leg and cheek.

Patrolman Hax is also at the City Hospital with a probably fractured skull. Rush was wounded over the eye and has been back on the force only three months.

Alleged Thief Killed

Jacob Hupshel, twenty, charged with having been one of three youths who tried to rob a fruit stand at Second Avenue and Fifty-seventh Street, died yesterday from a wound inflicted by Patrolman George Stio while the latter was trying to capture the alleged robbers. The other men escaped.

JOHN WANAMAKER
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NOW for the Christmas PIANO

Little Pieces of Suggestion to the Young Fellows
Who Are Expected to Take Their Fathers' Places and "Carry On."

Postoffice and Express authorities ask that Christmas packages be sent early, and

We Are Aiding Early Shopping

by providing Christmas seals, "Not to be opened before Christmas," to go on Christmas packages when requested, and by offering to hold such packages for later delivery, if this is desired.

Also, we have brought in our Christmas goods early, in an abundance that, notwithstanding the bareness of the market, is beyond any preparation of other years.

But it is only fair to say to you that our business is also far ahead of that of other years, and what is abundance now may prove a scarcity later.

Precisely on December 25th the smiling old gentleman portrayed in the upper left-hand corner of this advertisement will pay a visit to every household that is prepared for him.

That will be in less than a month from today.

Supplementary Christmas book store opens this morning, on the First floor, Old Building, Broadway side.

The young fellow who depends solely upon capital, luck, patronage, is likely to find himself on a smooth hillside downward way to disappointment, failure and nothingness.

Give a glance as you pass through what the people call "Our Store" and see the dignity, happiness and healthfulness of many working, learning, young people.

(Signed)
John Wanamaker
November 28, 1919.

Gift Furniture

The charm of good furniture grows with the years. It is useful. It is pleasing. It is friendly. It speaks more and more eloquently as time passes of the good-will of the giver.

Wanamaker furniture is good furniture.

A few examples of individual pieces, suitable for Christmas giving—

Spinnet desks of mahogany, the quaint type of desk that adds so much to the furnishing of a room. Prices start at \$50.00.

Drop lid and table desks of mahogany, walnut and enamel. Prices start at \$34.50 for a walnut table desk and \$65.00 for a mahogany drop lid desk.

Day beds of mahogany fitted with spring and mattress, start at \$82.50 for a brown finished mahogany one fitted with box spring and hair mattress.

Tea wagons of mahogany start at \$25.00, enamel decorated at \$35.00.

Candlesticks of mahogany and enamels start at 75c each for one in enamel.

Hall clocks of mahogany and lacquer start at \$60.00 for one of mahogany.

Fifth Gallery, New Bldg.

FLAUBERT, GUSTAVE, with critical introduction and biographical preface, illustrated, cloth binding, 10 vols. Price.....\$7.50

HOLMES, OLIVER WENDELL, (The Writings of), Riverside edition, cloth binding, gift top, 14 vols. Price.....\$17.50

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JOHNSON, SAMUEL L.L.D. (The Life of), together with the journal of the tour of Hebrides, by James Boswell, Esq. With notes and appendix by Alexander Napier, M. A., London, 1884. 10 vols. 4, morocco. Price.....\$90

SWIFT, JONATHAN, D. D. (The Works of), containing additional letters, tracts and poems not hitherto published. With notes and a life of the author by Sir Walter Scott, Bart., Edinburgh, 1824. 19 vols; full calf binding. Price.....\$100

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The Importance of Toys
—and of the early buying of them

People are realizing more and more the influence toys have in moulding the character of children, and consequently we are giving more time and thought to their proper selection.

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Other advantages of buying now

There is a full assortment now.

It is more comfortable to shop now, before the great crowds come.

Morning hours are less crowded than afternoon hours.

See—

—the constructive toys— of real educational value.

—a new wheel toy— makes a hand car, sleds or wheel barrow, \$6, \$10 and \$15.

—"erector" makes windmill, house, automobile, bridges, airplanes, \$1.50 to \$15.

—airplanes of all sorts to be made.

—blocks.

—play houses.

—paint sets.

—sewing sets.

—tools.

Third Gallery, New Bldg.

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for his Merry Christmas and to provide a suitable accommodation for the many inevitable Merry Christmas cigars he always gets at this season.

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